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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

MAR 27 2007

JUDGE REBECCA R. PALLMEYER  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

RICKY JAMES and ARDERS MATTHEWS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

P.O. WATTS #15226 and P.O. ZELIG #5443,  
Individually,

Defendants.

NO. 06 C 912

Hon. Judge Pallmeyer  
Magistrate Judge Ashman

**RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Plaintiffs, Ricky James and Arders Matthews, by one of their attorneys, Shehnaz I. Mansuri, and the City of Chicago, by its attorney, Mara S. Georges, Corporation Counsel of the City of Chicago, and defendants, Otis Watts and David Zelig, by one of their attorneys, Matthew R. Hader, Assistant Corporation Counsel, hercin stipulate and agree to the following:

1. This action has been brought by plaintiffs, Ricky James and Arders Matthews, against defendants, Otis Watts and David Zelig, and makes certain allegations contained in plaintiffs' second amended complaint.

2. Defendants deny each and every allegation of wrongdoing as stated in plaintiffs' second amended complaint, and, further, deny liability.

3. The parties and their respective attorneys acknowledge that settlement of this claim is not an admission of liability, or of unconstitutional or illegal conduct by or on the part of any defendant and/or the City of Chicago and/or its future, current or former officers, agents and employees, and shall not serve as evidence or notice of any wrongdoing by or on the part of any defendant and/or the City of Chicago and/or its future, current or former officers, agents and employees. The parties and their respective attorneys further acknowledge that settlement is made to avoid the uncertainty of the outcome of litigation and the expense in time and money of further litigation and for the purpose of judicial economy. Plaintiffs and their attorneys agree that they or any firm with which said attorneys are affiliated or with which said attorneys may later

become affiliated shall not use this settlement as notice of misconduct on the part of any defendant and/or the City of Chicago and/or its future, current or former officers, agents and employees, or for any other purpose in any other litigation, and that any such use is inconsistent with the terms of this Release and Settlement Agreement.

4. In consideration of this settlement entered pursuant to this Release and Settlement Agreement, and upon advice of counsel, plaintiffs, Ricky James and Arders Matthews, agree to dismiss with prejudice all of their claims against defendants, Otis Watts and David Zelig, with each side bearing its own costs and attorneys' fees.

5. Plaintiff, Ricky James, accepts a settlement from the City of Chicago, in the total amount of TEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$10,500.00) DOLLARS, with each side bearing its own costs and attorneys' fees.

6. Plaintiff, Arders Matthews, accepts a settlement from the City of Chicago, in the total amount of SIX THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$6,000.00) DOLLARS, with each side bearing its own costs and attorneys' fees.

7. The City of Chicago agrees to pay plaintiffs the total settlement amount within sixty (60) days after receipt by the Corporation Counsel's Office of a file-stamped copy of the Agreed Order of Dismissal. This sum shall be payable solely by the City of Chicago, and plaintiffs and/or their attorneys agree that they will not seek payment from any source other than the City of Chicago. The settlement checks will be made payable to plaintiffs, their attorneys, and lien claimants, if any, of which the City has notice.

8. In consideration of this settlement entered pursuant to this Release and Settlement Agreement, and upon advice of counsel, plaintiffs agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Chicago, and its future, current or former officers, agents and employees including, but not limited to, defendants, Otis Watts and David Zelig, from any claims, losses, damages or expenses, including attorneys' fees and costs, incurred, or which may be incurred, by reason of any lien or any other claim or interest held by any person, entity or corporation against any

moneys received or to be received by plaintiffs under the settlement entered pursuant to this Release and Settlement Agreement.

9. Plaintiffs, upon advice of counsel, understand and agree that in consideration of the settlement entered pursuant to this Release and Settlement Agreement, plaintiffs do hereby release and forever discharge on behalf of themselves and their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, all claims they had or have against defendants, Otis Watts and David Zelig, and the City of Chicago, and its future, current, or former officers, agents and employees, including but not limited to all claims they had, have or may have in the future, under local, state, or federal law, arising either directly or indirectly out of the incident which was the basis for this litigation, and that such release and discharge also is applicable to any and all unnamed and/or unserved defendants.

10. This Release and Settlement Agreement and any documents that may be executed under paragraph 13 herein contain the entire agreement between the parties with regard to the settlement of this action, and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, jointly and severally, and the heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and assigns of each.

11. This Release and Settlement Agreement is entered into in the State of Illinois and shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with its laws. Terms contained herein shall not be construed against a party merely because that party is or was the principal drafter.

12. In entering into this Release and Settlement Agreement, plaintiffs represent that they have relied upon the advice of their attorneys, who are the attorneys of their own choice, and that the terms of this Release and Settlement Agreement have been interpreted, completely read and explained to them by their attorneys, and that those terms are fully understood and voluntarily accepted by plaintiffs. Plaintiffs also represent and warrant that no other person or entity has or has had any interest in the claims or causes of action referred to herein, that they and their attorneys have the sole right and exclusive authority to execute this Release and Settlement


Agreement and receive the sums specified herein, and that they have not sold, assigned, transferred, conveyed, or otherwise disposed of any of the claims or causes of action referred to herein.

13. All parties agree to cooperate fully and to execute a Stipulation to Dismiss and any and all supplementary documents and to take all additional actions which are consistent with and which may be necessary or appropriate to give full force and effect to the basic terms and intent of this Release and Settlement Agreement.

  
Ricky James, plaintiff

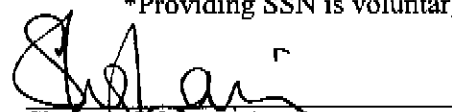
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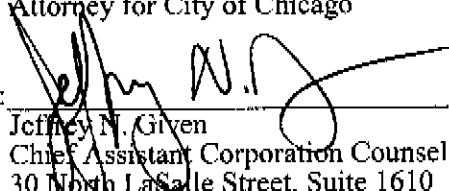
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